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Title:

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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed for the subject utility patent application, in response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS mailed February 13, 2002:

- Notice to File Missing Parts of Application; 1)
- Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; 2)
- 3 Formalized Drawings Sheets; 3)
- Form PTO-1449 with copies of disclosed references; 4)
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- The balance due by applicant is \$65.

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